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New Pastors Called By Shelby, Mt. Airy, Grove Park, Spindale

Dr. Joseph T. McClain, pastor of the Maywood Church, Independence, Mo., has accepted a call to become

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pastor of First Church, Shelby. Dr. McClain has an A.B. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Master of Theology and Doctor of

Theology from Southwestern Seminary. After graduating from Southwestern in 1947, he became professor of Bible and Greek at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex. For two years, 1950-1952, he was professor of New Testament Interpretation at Golden Gate Seminary. From 1952-54, he was pastor at First Church, Seagraves, Tex. For the next four years, 1954-1958, he was Divisional Head of Religion and Philosophy at Ouachita Baptist College in Arkansas. When Midwestern Seminary was opened in Kansas City, Dr. McClain became professor of New Testament Interpretation. While serving there, he was called as interim pastor at Maywood and after several months the congregation persuaded him to leave the seminary and become pastor of the church. Dr. McClain is 45 years of age and the father of five children: a daughter, age 11, and four sons, aged 9, 14, 20 and 22. He and his wife are both natives of Oklahoma City.